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A Memo To All Alumni

To all of you, especially to the seven Charter members, who accepted the undergraduates' invitation and attended the 35th Anniversary Celebration of Alpha Chi Rho at State College, I extend my personal thanks. By your presence at the Chapter House you made the occasion an overwhelming success and marked a milestone in the progress of Alpha Chi Rho at State College. Your action cannot fail to leave its imprint on the future of Phi Lambda Alumni Association, the undergraduates, and the Fraternity.

For me to try to tell you about the enthusiasm created and the expression of interest in the Fraternity is like trying to tell you about the thrill of playing a speckled trout or downing a grouse. You can describe your experiences but the words become meaningless unless you have had the feel of the rod or looked down the sight of your gun. You just had to be there to appreciate the reawaking of the Alumni interest and the warmth of the reunion. I believe that this spirit and interest, if properly organized will recognize no bounds in the development of a strong Alumni Association and with it, bring about closer relationships with the Resident Chapter.

To those of you who were unable to attend, I hope you are planning to be at the Chapter House at the Alumni Homecoming on Friday, October 17, and Saturday the 18th. The committee will arrange for your comfort and have made plans for the largest Homecoming in the history of Phi Lambda. Your presence is not only desired but is sorely needed to enable us to organize effectively and to lay the foundation on which we may build an aggressive Alumni Association. When this becomes an accomplished fact, the response of

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TOP BRASS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT THE 35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Left to right: Bill Wahl, Assistant National Secretary, Bill Hogg, President Phi Lambda, John Hunter, past National President Alpha Chi Rho, President National Educational Foundation, Alpha Chi Rho, President Pennsylvania State College, Sever J. Torrelli, Assistant Foot Ball Coach at State, Walter Patchell, Trustee of Penn State and Treasurer of the Educational Foundation of Alpha Chi Rho; Harold W. Perkins, Assistant Dean of Men at State; Dave McClay, Member of faculty at State, College Adviser for Phi Lambda; Treasurer of Phi Lambda Alumni Association, and Amos Horlacker, Dean of Men, Dickinson College, National Councillor, Chairman National Scholastic Committee, Alpha Chi Rho, and trustee of the National Educational foundation.

Phi Lambda Celebrates 35th Anniversary May 23, 24

Largest Alumni Event in History of the Chapter

On May 23rd and the 24th the Alumni joined with the undergraduates of Phi Lambda in the Celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Alpha Chi Rho at State College. In addition to the seven Charter members of Phi Lambda, more than 75 Alumni and undergraduates appropriately marked the occasion.

As early as four o'clock on Friday afternoon the Alumni began to assemble at the Chapter House but it wasn't until about 9:30 that evening that reminiscencing really began over the sliced Nittany Mountain roast turkey, Stone Valley hickory cured ham, cheese and coffee.

During this session, the Alumni and the undergraduates had a grand opportunity to become acquainted and from then on, name tags lost their value. On numerous occasions the groups were interrupted by the welcoming of a late comer in the hall, who immediately joined in the party.

Retold during the evening were the stories of the building of the House in the corn field on Locust Lane, the first Fraternity House in that section, the trials and tribulations of the fall guy and the College Widow, Sim and the boycott of the movies, the fire at the Greek restaurant and the salvage activities which followed, Poster Night, the rushing methods

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Phi Lambda Resident Chapter Presidents

1917-18	Charles H. B. Hotchkiss
1918-19	No record
1919-20	No record
1920-21	John Hunter, Jr.
1921-22	John Hunter, Jr.
1922-23	John C. Durbin
1923-24	Irven W. Brownlee, Jr.
1924-25	William J. Ward
1925-26	William J. Ward
1926-27	Richard A. McQuade
1927-28	Robert B. Fairchild
1928-29	Nelson F. Wicks
1929-30	Carl A. Yost
1930-31	George M. Schaeffer
1931-32	William Schmid
1932-33	Roy L. Sordon
1933-34	John F. Fairchild
1934-35	James A. Hannah
1935-36	Chester W .Moore
1936-37	Russell L. Gotwals
1937-38	T. Reed Scollon
1938-39	Edward M. Hartman
1939-40	Stanley Wyglendowski
1940-41	Stanley Wyglendowski
1941-42	David J. Crouse
1942-43	Robert G. Schimpf and Phillip P. Mitchell

Suspended operations on March 15, 1943 due to World War II.

Reactivated April 27, 1946.

1946-47	Fred S. Peter and Robert M. Crockett
1947-48	Raymond S. Visk
1948-49	Raymond Maxwell
1950-51	Richard V. McDougall
1951-52	Thomas Hanna
1952-53	William Hogg

Neither National nor the Resident Chapter has the record of the House Presidents for the year 1918-19 and 1919-20. Any information that you can supply will be appreciated.

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inherited from the Pioneer days, the prowess of many former State athletes and countless other interesting undergraduate experiences.

The Resident members held their own in explaining the present rushing regulations and the complicated formula to be followed to determine honor point standing and related the campus activities of the present classes and the excellent gain in scholastic rating during the year.

The party adjourned reluctantly after midnight in preparation for the round of activities on the campus and the renewing of acquaintances about the college before luncheon on Saturday. Harry Taylor '18, appeared to be the best golfer among the returning Alumni.

The "brunch," for many, was well patronized. What the Friday night gang failed to do to the turkey and ham, was accomplished with the aid of the Saturday morning influx of Alumni. Due credit should be, and now is given to the catering staff for the skilful handling of the Chester County mushrooms in the preparation of the main luncheon course.

Some time after lunch, John Hunter called a meeting of the Phi Lambda Building Association in the club room and related the problems which the Directors and members face in regard to the building. He reminded the group that the Chapter House is now over thirty years old and, as with older buildings, greater repair work becomes necessary to maintain them in good condition. He advised them that a new heating system had been installed and that new plumbing and renovation of the bath rooms was under contract to be completed in the fall of 1952. When asked about the financial standing of the Building Corporation he related that the original mortgage had been reduced to $4,000.00 but that the needed renewals and major repairs compelled the increase of the mortgage to $14,000.00. Before adjournment, the President was asked to appoint a committee to study the situation and to make a report at the next meeting of the Association in October of this year. At the close of the meeting he was given a rising vote of thanks for the time he has given the Fraternity in all its various activities.

The Highlight of The Weekend Was The Chapter Banquet

Eighty-two members and their guests assembled in the dining and music room to hear Harold Perkins, Assistant Dean of Men at State. Mr. Perkins evaluated the position of Fraternities at State and assured them the cooperation of college in their various problems. He stated that his office is always open for conferences in these matters.

Sevor Torretti, Assistant Coach of the football team discussed the college's athletic policy under Rip Engle stating that his objective is to build a team of good clean and hard fighters for State with victory a secondary consideration. He then outlined our prospects for the 1952 season by the candidates for each position, analizing and discussing the hard schedule ahead.

The Chapter was honored by the presence of College President, Milton S. Eisenhower, who came in for dessert and chatted informally with the Brothers in the club room after the Banquet.

Brothers Bill Wahl, Assistant National Secretary, and Amos B. Horlacker, National Councillor represented the National Fraternity at the Celebration. Both representatives excelled in the art of story telling to the delight of the gathering.

In addition to the Charter members and the undergraduates, the following Brothers attended: Bill Armstrong '40, D. Willard Lamade '18, John R. Hunter '22, Henry O. Shott '40, Clair A. Snell '39, W .H. Shilling, Jr. '49, Donn H. Shaw '49, Ed Birsch '48, Roland S. Grubb '21, James H. Zeisloft '50, Owen R. Jones '22, D. F. Kurtz '21, Charles Sides '41, Carl B. Seeds '22, Warren D. Haney '50, C. J. Beardsley '41, Mark D. Carls '41, David R. McClay '34, Robert R. Gehrett, Jr. '49 and Oscar Spencer Phi Iota.

Correspondent's Corner

Many letters were received by the attending Alumni and Resident members from Alumni who expressed disappointment in their inability to oin in the Anniversary Celebration.

Brother William Steel Barnhart '14, of Zaneville, Ohio wrote that he had other engagements and extended congratulations to the undergraduates.

Brother Roy Yagel '21, of Washington, D. C. wrote "Sorry will be away the weekend of the 24th. Give my regards to the gang and tell them that the spirit is there although the body cannot be."

Brother Dave Bratton '22, of Belmont, Mass. wrote from his room in the Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, just before being discharged, "Sorry I won't be able to see you at the Locust Lane Pit as scheduled. 30 years is a long time. Remember me to the gang, especially to Don and Newk who have two sons in the Torch." Incidentally Dave has a son graduated from Harvard last June.

Brother George B. Supplee, Jr. '32 of Alexandria, Virginia and president of the Washington Alpha Chi Rho Club sent greetings. "Good luck to all of you. Unable to make it. Best wishes to all class '32."

Brother H. H. Terzogian '49, Stanford, California writes, "With regrets—can't come. Wish I could. Finally getting my M. B. A. June 15. Regards to all. The Torch is quite a newspaper, keep the good work up."

Brother John R. Rhoades '49, of Los Angeles, California, noted on his return card, "Congratulations, sorry can't get away."

Brother B. P. Choman '49, of Pottsville did likewise, "Impossible to make it. Regards to the old gang of '49."

Brother Earl Stewart '17, North Quincy, Mass. wrote Brother Fowler, "Had I known a little earlier, I could have easily made arrangements for the May affair . . . am planning on attending the Homecoming this Fall."

Brother "Birch" Hotchkiss '18, of Woodstock, New Jersey, a charter member and the first Chapter President telephoned that he planned to attend the party but unforseen circumstances interferred.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF PHI LAMBDA

Taken in the club room immediately following the banquet. (Note expressions and postures) left to right: Newk Grubb, Walt Patchell, Ray Burns, Harry Taylor, Bob Fleming, Clyde Fowler and Jimmy Fife.

Anniversary Sidelights

President Eisenhower demonstrated the reason why he has the complete confidence of the undergraduates and won the admiration of the Alumni, by his easy and friendly manner of just visiting with them in the club room after the banquet.

As the Brothers circled around before the fireplace he was asked about the women dormitory raids in the many colleges earlier in the spring. He remarked that State was determined to end them and further that all watchmen and other college employees were armed with flash bulb cameras. "When we get the pictures we'll know who the leaders are and then will take appropriate measures."

"Don't be too sure about that prexy" joined in an unnamed member of the class of '55, "Next time all the boys will be wearing false faces."

Brother Harry Taylor '18, demonstrated at the Banquet as he led the group through the old numbers, that he still retains the knack of getting the best out of a song.

Be sure you get the enclosed card off right away. The committee is planning on the largest Homecoming this fall at State.

Penn State Puzzle Even to Coach Engle

By RIP ENGLE
(Special to the Torch)

At the threshold of the opening of the season, our team has even the experts guessing. Early season estimates of our strength rate us anywhere from first to tenth in the East and surprisingly, the favorable estimates sound just as convincing as the unfavorable ones. The trouble, as I see it, is that not even I know how to rate this team.

The reasons are obvious. Of our first 50 players, 24 are sophomores. A few, like Jesse Arnelle, Roosevelt Grier and Buddy Rowell, saw some action last year but the great bulk of these boys had to be content to watch the games from the sidelines. That, as you know, isn't the best kind of preparation.

In the main, however, our spring drills were encouraging and I look for improvement all along the line. For the first time since I came to Penn State in 1950, I'll have a quarterback for the second year. Two, as a matter of fact. Bob Szajna (pronounced Shine-uh) and Tony Rados both operated from this position last year.

Offense in Shape

With Szajna and Rados at the helm of a backfield corps which boasts five other letter-winners, our offense should be better. Much will depend on how Bob

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Phi Lambda Plans For Big Homecoming

Resident President Bill Hogg and his committee returned to the Chapter House several days ahead of schedule to organize and plan for the largest and most interesting Homecoming of Alumni in the history of Phi Lambda.

The Party will get under way Friday evening October 17 at an informal smoker and lunch at the Chapter House where the alumni and the under class men will have the opportunity to get acquainted and plan for the Saturday round of activities. Those wishing to play golf and tennis can arrange the matches. Green fees have been waived for alumni Friday P.M. and Saturday A.M.

On the campus at 10 A.M. Saturday, State and Navy will engage in soccer on Beaver Field. Coach Bill Jeffrey has a fine team and many of the alumni are anxious to see it in action.

Buffet lunch will be served at the house prior to the kick-off with the Cornhuskers at 1:30. State will be trying for its third victory in the four game series. Nebraska will be led by All-American Bobby Reynolds, who made almost every "first" team in 1950 but was laid up with injuries last year. He expects 1952 to be his greatest season. State, according to Sevor Torelli will field a big and fast eleven which should provide a thrilling afternoon.

Following the football game the committee has arranged for dinner at the house at six followed by open house and entertainment by the Resident Chapter.

Immediately after dinner the Building Association will hold a meeting in the club room for the election of officers and directors and other business as may be properly presented for action.

Sunday dinner will be served promptly at noon in order to enable those from a distance to have a leisurely journey home.

The committee extends a cordial invitation to all Alumni to be their guests for the weekend and recapture a bit of their under classmen days on the campus and at Phi Lambda.

Homecoming Campus Schedeule

Friday Noon—
Saturday Morning **Alumni Golf Tournament**

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Saturday ..... **Alumni Registration, Rec Hall**

Saturday 10 a.m..... **Fall Meeting Alumni Council, Sparks Hall**
Remarks by Bernard P. Taylor, executive director of newly createed Penn State Foundation and Ernest B. McCoy, New Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Saturday 10 a.m..... **State vs Navy—Soccer, Beaver Field**

Saturday 11:30 a.m. **Alumni Luncheon, Rec Hall**

Saturday 1:30 p.m. **State vs. Nebraska**
State vs. Army—Cross-Country

Penn State Puzzle Even to Coach Engle

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Pollard, a Berwyn boy, operates from the fullback position. Last year, he filled the wingback position and was our leading ground gainer. He made the shift in the spring and liked it.

Speaking of letter-winners, there are 20 of them on my preseason roster. In this age of platoons, however, a boy doesn't have to play as long to win letters as he once did. Twenty-one letter-winners were lost via graduation, draft and/or academic difficulties. That's a lot of lettermen for one year, even with platoons.

Defensively, the outlook is good. Jim Dooley and Bob Smith are available again at center. Don Barney, Carl Pfirman, Pete Schoderbek and Don Shank won monograms a year ago as guards. Some of these boys will play offensively but on either platoon, their year of experience will stand them in good stead.

Ends and tackles are not what you would call plentiful, but there are some good boys in both contingents. Arnelle, the big boy who did so well in basketball, Don Malinak, Dave Simon and Joe Yukica all won letters as ends a year ago. They should have no trouble duplicating this year.

My co-captains and two top tackles, Joe Gratson and Stewart Scheetz, the latter a Lansdale boy who never played football in high school, are big, strong kids who should reach their peak as seniors. Roosevelt Grier is a good sophomore prospect. The others are new comers or kids who showed some promise in spring drills.

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the Resident Chapter will be gratifying to every one of us.

The enclosed postal card is for your convenience. Please mail it promptly to Brother Bill Hogg so that arrangements may be made for your accomodations and activities and in order that Brother Bill Johnson the caterer can set his sights for the weekend.

If you will give me this cooperation, the future of Phi Lambda of Alpha Chi Rho at State College is assured.

John R. Hunter
President of Phi Lambda
Graduate Chapter
(OWAA)

DOYLE RE-ELECTED ALUMNI PRESIDENT

George A. Doyle '17, assistant vice-president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the Diamond State Telephone Company, was re-elected president of the Penn State Alumni Association at the meeting of the Executive Board on June 13.

Other officers who were elected to serve for the 1952-53 term were: John T. Ryan, Jr., '34, Pittsburgh, first vice-president; H. I. Smith '07, Washington, D. C., second vice-president; Dr. Harriet Harry Henning '32, State College, third vice-president.